

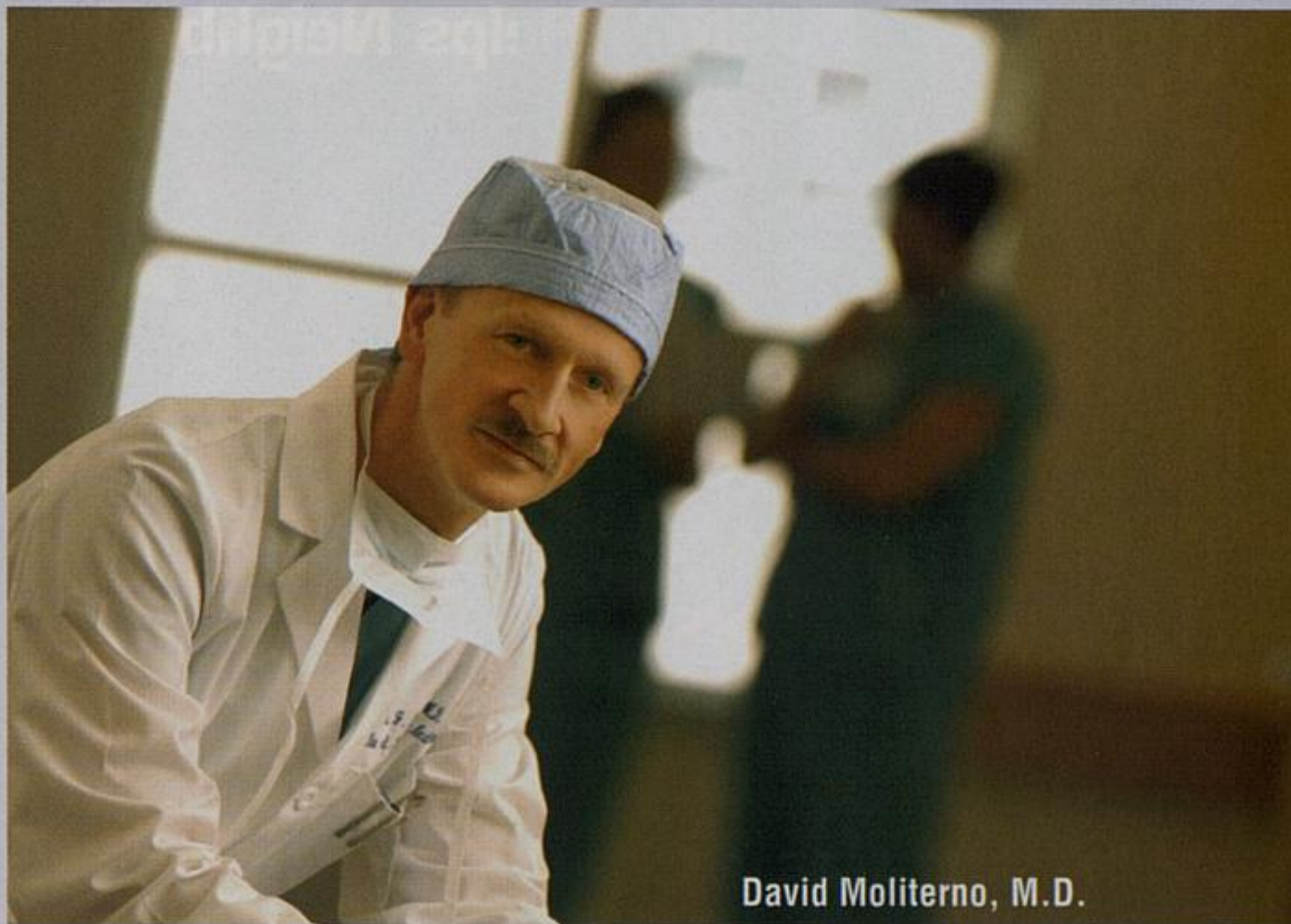
# RESEARCH NOTES

## UK Conducting Landmark Cardiology Trial

Dr. David Moliterno, professor of internal medicine and chief of cardiovascular medicine, UK College of Medicine, is serving as national principal investigator for a major U.S. multi-center trial for high risk coronary patients. Moliterno, an interventional cardiologist, is also co-director of UK's Gill Heart Institute.

The landmark trial is one of two announced by Guilford Pharmaceuticals that advances the field of interventional cardiology by attempting to determine the optimal therapeutic regimen for high-risk patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention. The study is looking at drugs that prevent the formation of blood clots.

The one-year study began this fall and is expected to involve about 8,000 patients and 200 hospitals, with 40 to 80 patients taking part at the UK Hospital.



David Moliterno, M.D.

## New COPD Clinic Opens

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those seeking treatment for COPD in Kentucky now benefit from a new state-of-the-art clinic at the University of Kentucky's Kentucky Clinic.

"COPD, better known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a preventable and treatable disease," said Dr. Dennis E. Doherty, chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, UK College of Medicine. "The early signs of the disease include cough, mucus production, shortness of breath on mild exertion, and wheeze. People generally associate these signs as

part of smoking, but do not realize that these can also be warning signs of imminent lung damage."

The clinic, located adjacent to UK Hospital at 740 S. Limestone in Lexington, will work closely with the Asthma, Allergy, Sinus and Pulmonary clinics.

The clinic is focusing on a comprehensive approach to COPD.

Dr. David M. Mannino, associate professor, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, UK College of Medicine, began seeing patients at the new clinic on Aug. 20.

"The goal of our new clinic is to make sure that the patients who come to see us get the best care possible," Mannino said. "Our clinic not only has the resources to treat patients with COPD, but also the option to be involved with cutting-edge treatments and research to evaluate potential new options or therapies."

The UK Division of Pulmonary Medicine offers complete diagnostic evaluation and clinical management of all respiratory disorders for inpatient and outpatient services. Diagnostic aspects include routine pulmonary function testing, and related and intra-related pulmonary evaluation of interstitial lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, infectious lung disease, drug-related pulmonary disorders, and carcinoma of the lung.

For more information about the UK COPD clinic or to schedule an appointment, call 859-323-5365.

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